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Masakazu HAYASHI et al.

Serial No. : 09/844,107

Filed : April 27, 2001

For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION, AND

PROGRAM AND MEDIUM USED THEREOF

Examiner : Truc. T. CHUONG

Art Unit : 2179

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In response to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2004, Applicants

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hereby petition for a two-month extension of time, extending the period for response to

February 7, 2005. Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$450.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.